

Light up the sky!



Last Thursday's pub night showered the sky for their New Year's celebrations to a sparse crowd.

photo/ Mehraan Pavri

North Building undergoes renovations

By CHRISTINE BUSKE

UTM recently seems to be in construction frenzy, with the new residence, biotechnology and CCIT buildings pervading campus. Now, to accompany the list are the recent and ongoing renovations occurring in the North Building.

While Phase Seven is being constructed as part of the preparation for the double cohort next year, the North Building is getting its facelift for entirely different purposes.

"Some class rooms just needed to be freshened up," said Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs. So far, renovations were made in class rooms 134 and 292. Room 134 is the largest teaching room on the first floor in the building and will be completely re-equipped. Also, "the desks will be new and different," said Overton. New floors and paint jobs in the classroom are also on the agenda.

The revamping of Room 292 on the second floor is in part due to its inconvenient layout. The room is not very comfortable to teach in, and seems to be unpopular with the students as well. The stage is currently present in the room will be replaced, and the orientation of the room changed to promote a better and more comfortable teaching environment.

According to Overton and Sol Kessler, there remains to be much more done. "There are going to be small and big projects," said Kessler. "From audio and video upgrades, to changing ceiling boards where needed." More digital video projectors are also high on the priority list. Kessler expressed a need for more of this type of technology all around campus. In the drama theatre, a

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I am grateful for the two years of stress, turmoil, experience, life-lasting friendships and happiness [The Medium] has given me."

- Tammi Sulliman, page 5

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Residence Food Drive drives huge success

By JULIE TYOS

Prior to the December holiday break, enthusiastic students in residence managed to run another successful annual food drive, with all the proceeds going to Foodpath Food Bank in Mississauga, a member of the Daily Food Bank.

Organized by two of the residence dons, Julie Plunkett and Sarah Edwards; this year's drive managed to raise approximately 3,000 lbs of food and \$820 for the needy in the surrounding community.

Each year, students living on campus are given the opportunity to participate by buying either 50

cans of food or to donate \$25.00 from their monthly house checks in contribution to the food drive. Money is especially helpful, as it can be used by the food bank to purchase much needed but less commonly thought of items, such as infant formula and diapers. Food banks in the area are con-

stantly threatened by a shortage of supplies due to the high demand of their services. They rely on the help of volunteers and donations of food and money.

Each month Foodpath collects and distributes food and assorted



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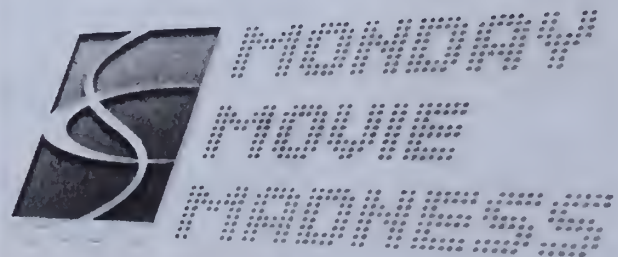
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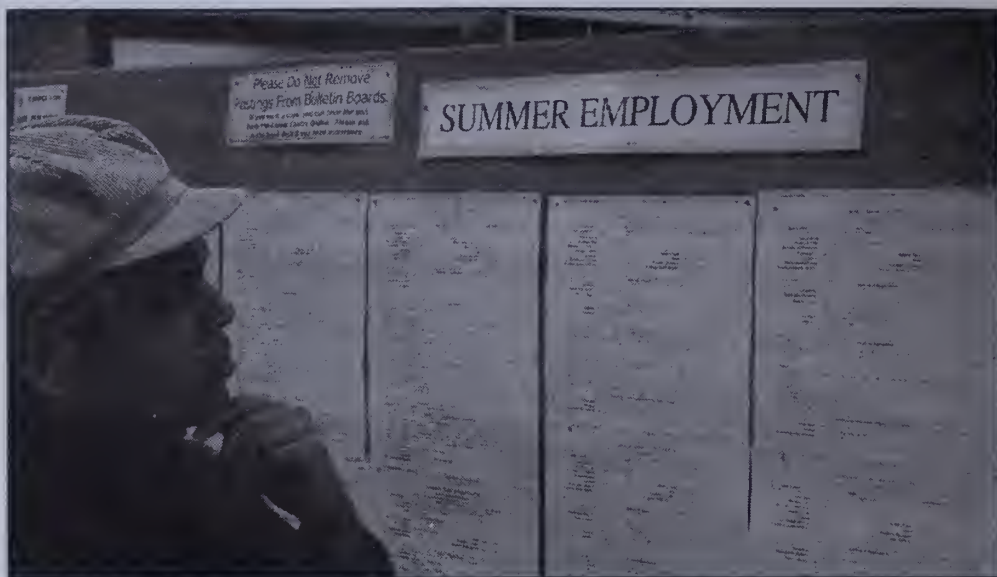
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Jan 13 The Transporter (Jason Statham)
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Jan 27 The Ring (Naomi Watts)
Feb 3 Half Past Dead (Ja Rule)
Feb 10 Femme Fatale (Rebecca Romijn-Stamos)

Att. UTM Residence: Every Monday 9PM is "RezChoice"
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Career Centre needs recognition



Career Centre – is it an important stop throughout university?

BY SIMONA IONAS

As long as students take advantage of what help the school can offer them, attempting to plan a career early during university years can be effective. Whatever year you're in at UTM, the Career Centre can help with concerns regarding career paths. Their services vary from individual career counselling appointments with Career Counsellors to special events such as Career Panels for different careers including Human Resources, Finance, Economics, Forensics, Biotech and Anthropology, as well as monthly series of Resume and Cover Letter seminars and Effective Interviews. Most importantly, the Career Centre does not concentrate their services only to graduate students, but to students at all levels. Whether or not students fully take advantage of the services available at the Career Centre is questionable, although there has been a rise

in student interest in recent years.

Ultimately, Career Planning is primarily a part of one's self-assessment and is a self-conscious process. According to Joan McCurdy Myers, Career Centre Manager, "Students increase their self-awareness and skills through courses, work, and extracurricular experiences during university, so most students career plans are under construction throughout university." This can be unfortunate as she points out that "implementing career plans, through work search or further education, is more effective when students have put time into the career planning before they find themselves at graduation."

Fortunately, the manner in which

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– Joan McCurdy Myers

students have been responding the last two years reflects an increased

awareness towards students regarding the Career Centre facilities. While the total number of individual counselling has grown by 20 percent in 2002, the number of students who attended the Resume and CACEE Critiques was up 34 percent from last year. As for other services, workshops and orientations, the average number of attendance was 110, up 139 percent from 2001. Also, there were 775 students participating at workshops that the Career Centre held, a significant increase from the 345 in 2001. Moreover, there was a sizeable increase in the number of hits the Career Centre website recorded last year. Total hits were 583,452, up 66 percent from 2001 and the home page hits increased by 103 percent reaching 68,647.

While a significant amount of students do use the Career Centre facilities, there are still some who don't even know of the existence of Career Centre or where it is located. "They have a lot of job postings, especially summer jobs. But I don't think enough people know about it and take advantage of their offer. I've also used it to find out about Professional schools after graduation", said third year-student Krupa Patel. Whether students can

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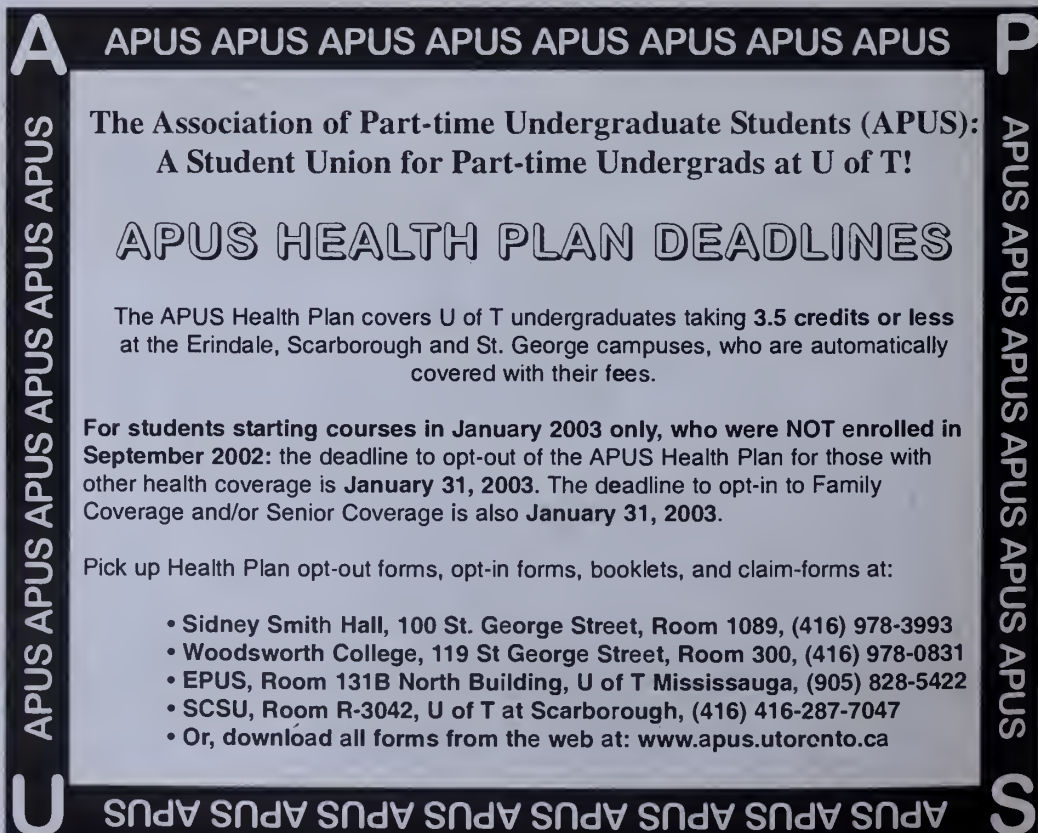
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- SCSU, Room R-3042, U of T at Scarborough, (416) 416-287-7047
- Or, download all forms from the web at: www.apus.utoronto.ca



Campus Police Reports

December 20, 2002 12:45 p.m. Theft under \$5,000: A contractor working on campus reported the theft of a four-wheel dolly.

December 21, 2002 8:45 p.m. Stray Dog: A campus resident reported a stray dog. Officers located the dog and held it for city of Mississauga Animal control, who returned it to its owner.

December 26, 2002 8:45 a.m. Suspicious Circumstances: Campus Police and Peel Police checked on the well being of a resident student. The resident was fine and the female complainant was warned about harassing the resident.

December 28, 2002 8:57 a.m. Intrusion Alarm: Officers responded to an intrusion alarm at the bookstore. After checking the area, officers deemed it to be a false alarm.

December 29, 2002 6:05 p.m. Mischief under \$5,000: A floodlight located on the ground at the Student Centre was damaged.

aged.

December 31, 2002 10:34 a.m. Fire alarm: Mississauga Fire department and Campus Police responded to a fire alarm at the North Building. The cause of the alarm was found to be low water pressure in a stand pipe.

December 31, 2002 10:03 p.m. Fire alarm: Fire Department and Campus Police again attended the north building for a low water pressure alarm. A technician attended the next day to repair the problem.

January 1, 2003 7:20 p.m. Service call: Officers called in an engineer to repair a problem with lights that were not functioning at Inner Circle Road and in lot #5.

January 3, 2003 12:28 p.m. Intrusion alarm: Campus Police responded to an intrusion alarm at the Language Lab in the North Building. Electricians working in the area inadvertently set it off.

ECSU Food Drive



Last year, ECSU raised 300 items of food and 272 toys, hats, mits and scarves for those in need. Good job!

photo/Jason Nicols

Residence Food Drive feeds hungry school kiddies

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household items to over 4,000 Mississauga residents, of which half are children. They also provide food to other non profit organizations running within the community, and serve daily breakfasts to schoolchildren who would otherwise go hungry in the mornings.

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— Jan-Michael Maw

Word of the food drive spread beyond campus and into nearby residential neighborhoods as student volunteers from the campus' Community Awareness Club run by Plunkett and Edwards distributed flyers asking for donations, which proved to be effective as it generated a huge response. A substantial amount of both food and toys were collected from houses surrounding the campus. Students Russell Lee and Kristine Van Sickle as well as residence don Dave Hamilton lent their time and a bit of gas to drive around, picking up and dropping off food and other assorted items that were donated. "I'd like to thank them, they were a big help," noted Sarah Edwards. "Without them, we wouldn't have been able to pick up all this food." Many residents got involved and contributed their time and effort to the drive, which was overseen by Residence Manager Jan-Michael Maw and Director of Residence and Residence Life Chris McGrath.

Recently, UTM received a letter from Foodpath Food Bank, expressing their gratitude for this year's donations, which was sent to Vice President of Finance Sean O'Connell. "It's really great that

we could do something like this for the food bank," said Sean. "They were extremely pleased and sincere in their letter of thanks; I'm happy we could be so helpful and that this year's food drive was such a great success."

"I think that the students living in residence, and the UTM community as a whole, should be proud of themselves for donating what they could to help those less

fortunate than themselves," said Maw.

"We'd really like to thank all the students and community members who donated food and helped to make this year's food drive a huge success!" said both Julie and Sarah. Foodpath is constantly in need of volunteers to help run various parts of the organization; they can be reached at 905-270-5589, or by email – info@foodpath.org.

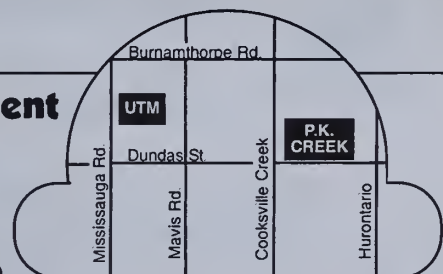
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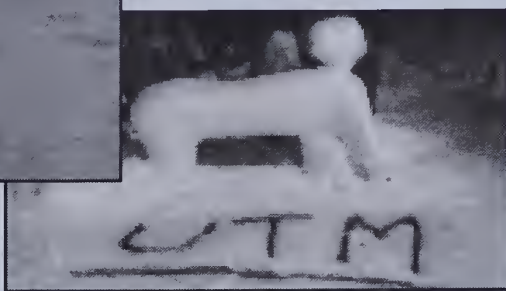
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Peeing dog or kneeling woman?



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UTM revamps North Building

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little office space has been created, while over the Christmas break room 205 was repainted and floored.

Plans are also being made for new blackboards or white boards in the teaching rooms. Upgrading microphones is also one of the smaller but important projects attention is being paid to.

The decisions for these renovations came from a committee including individuals within the Humanities, Science and Social Sciences departments. While there is an operating budget of half a million dollars for the renovations, not even nearly a quarter of that

money has been spent as of yet, and it's not yet determined if and how it will be spent.

Some of the costs include sixty thousand dollars being spent on upgrading the boilers as part of an approved heating, ventilation and air-conditioning project. Also, one hundred thousand dollars is reserved for the eight heating/ventilating zones, of which, according to Kessler, "four or five zones have already been done over the summer."

Kessler also said that, "all renovations are done when students are out of the classroom area" so as to prevent as much inconvenience as possible. Bigger projects are scheduled for

Reading Week and the upcoming summer, when the university will be either closed or when a limited amount of students are taking classes.

As there is still a significant amount of funds that remains to be available, the renovating and constructing is very far from completion. Several innovative ideas can be expected in the near future, individually designed to improve the buildings and the overall quality of UTM's learning environment. These changes are hoped to be done with the least possible disturbance of classes and inconvenience for the students. "Where we can prevent it, we will prevent it," Overton assured.

Career Centre helps UTM

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after graduation", said third year-student Krupa Patel. Whether students can benefit from their services is unquestionable, as a significant number of students have shown interest towards the Career Centre's resources and have benefited from them. "I think that the job postings and everything they offer is good for students. To tell you the truth, all the part-time jobs I've ever had in university was through the Career Centre," said third-year student Karen Viloria.

Students also considered whether the advertising conducted by the Career Centre was effective

"I have never used their services because this is my first year, but I will in the future for sure"

— Melinda Tanase

Karen Lam.

On the other side, there are students more reticent to what is being offered at UTM by the Career Centre services: "I've never been there (the Career Centre)... I've never heard of it... I just don't pay attention to it," said first year student Arron Smith. Another first year student said she has never used the Career Centre facilities, but expressed her interest in doing so in the future: "I have never used their services because this is my first year, but I will in the future for sure," said Melinda Tanase.

Ultimately, the Career Centre can be an opportunistic place where students can find advice and assistance for their future. While statistics have shown that interests have risen, there remains to be a great number of students who are unaware of their resources and offered assistance. According to second-year student Romeo Chamorro, the "Career Centre advertises enough to do a good job, and they do a very good job in my opinion."

"The only reason people don't take advantage of it is because they don't want to for whatever given reason. Their job postings are amazing. If the people need a job, they should just go there and they [Career Centre] will help them out because have many postings for whatever you are looking for."

remarked second-year student



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"What are your New Year Resolutions for 2003?"

Question of the week

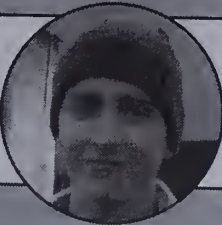
"Make more of an effort to spend time with my family, and of course, to lose the holiday weight."

Kimberly Morrison,
Second-year student




"Less drinking, more studying."

Scott Abemethy,
First-year student




"To eat less meat, and stop eating red meat...but steaks are oh so good...no, no meat!"

Bella Patel,
Second-year student



"Improve my GPA and meet my other goals."

Ibrahim Aboghodidh,
Second-year student



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Career Panel: Exciting Careers in Anthropology: Wed., Jan.15, 2-4, Student Centre, 2nd Floor.
Career Panel: Enriching Careers in Finance: Thurs., Jan.16, 3-5, Student Centre Presentation Room.
What Can I Do With A Degree in English? History? Mon., Jan.20, 12-1, Career Centre.
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Farewell

EDITORIAL

I sit at my wooden desk in the corner of the *The Medium* office. I look behind me and glance at the clock on the wall. 1:43 p.m. This will be the last Saturday afternoon I sit in this chair. I look outside the window to my left, peering through the smudge marks made two, three, four years ago by others who sat here before me. The few withered brown leaves left on the trees sway softly in the light wind. A little brown squirrel scampers across the snow, runs up the tree and sits on a branch, looking around. I look around the empty room. My eyes rest on the News Editor's desk. I look back towards my computer screen and my fingers tap on the keyboard.

It is with the deepest regret that I have to resign from my position as Editor-in-chief of *The Medium* due to health complications. I bite my nails, apprehensive of the change ahead of me. For the last two years, my days have been consumed by the workings of *The Medium*. Until you've set foot in this office and worked the job of an editor, you can never fully understand the depth, enormity and consumption a little student rag can have over your life.

Since my birthday on April 6, 2001, I have worked every single day at *The Medium*. As News Editor last year, I ran around this campus like a chicken with her head cut off, trying to get my stories for the upcoming issue. Every weekend, till Monday morning at 2, 3, 4 sometimes even 6 a.m., I toiled at my desk working on the layout for the News Section, with all my co-workers working away around me. These nights were interspersed with friendly banter, office hockey games, or golf in the Great Hall of the Student Centre. A year went by, and even though the computers and printer threatened us often, by some miracle, we still managed to get that paper out every Monday morning, as according to our publication schedule.

When I assumed the position of Editor-in-chief, I was filled with fear and trepidation. Everyone I worked with the year before graduated and left UTM. I had a completely new team to work with. No one knew how demanding this paper is of your life. No one knew that you gave up every single day of your week to ensure that the paper got out on time on Monday. No one knew of all the bull-shit politics that you have to put up with, day in, day out. Most of all, no one knew what a thankless job they were undertaking.

No one knew either, that all of those negative aspects didn't matter when you saw the product of your toils on Monday morning. When the paper reaches the campus and lies in your hands and you look down and say to yourself, "I made this," you know that it was completely worth it and, unquestioningly, you would do it again the following week.

My team rose to the occasion and far exceeded my expectations. They fully accepted the challenge ahead of them and pooled all of their skills and efforts into putting out the best product they could. They put aside all of the negativity they were faced with and plodded ahead. And on the Sunday I told them I couldn't lead them anymore, I knew that they were more than capable of leading themselves.

For the last 29 years, *The Medium* has delivered news and information to the UTM public without fail. In spite of all the hardships the paper faced, it has always made its publication schedule. I know *The Medium* will continue to inform and entertain the UTM public for years to come, and I am grateful for the two years of stress, turmoil, experience, life-lasting friendships and happiness it has given me.

I look out of my window again. The squirrel still sits there. Our eyes meet. I nod my head. He stares, whips his body around and runs down the tree and across the snow. I sigh, open my desk and gather my personal belongings.

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This day came way too soon. I didn't even know where to start. Wow. This is probably the hardest thing I've ever done. You guys have no idea how proud you've made me. I want to go down as saying I had the best team ever to work with. You guys completely blew me away. You have no idea how scared I was in August last year. Ash Raymond. The both of us were so worried that you guys would not be able to handle the job. But you totally proved our worries as negligible and a waste of time. Thank you. I hope I have taught half as much as you all have taught me. Well, let's start this. Zazar your humour, your witty captions and your on-time webpages were total a pleasure to work with. You should really consider writing, you know? Albert. Your dependability never wavered and you made sure that the paper was properly distributed every week. You are a very sweet person. Marie. Who knew we would end up like this here in Canada? For all those who don't know, Nicole and I have known each other since grade school in Trinidad - she was in my brother's class. I don't know who followed who, but we ended up being in the same Algebraic Geometry class in high school in Canada, worked together in SAC and now here at *The Medium*. Nicole, you have always been a very nice person and good friend and your thorough editing skills did not go unnoticed. Stephanie. Your Quark skills are amazing! You have taught me so much. You are a very sweet, honest and sincere person. Just remember your words - gotta get some balls! Stay as sweet as you are through, Mehman. Your Photoshop skills are superb! You have also taught me all computer wise. Again, you are also a very nice person, and remember, you don't have to please anyone, just make sure that you are happy in the end. Kharina. Never once did I have to worry about Features. Stubby, you made sure there was always content for the section and always finished very early. Good luck with your future work! Darryl. What can I say? Your Sports section is often hilarious. There is always a very wide variety of content also. You are doing a fine job. Just try to come in earlier! I'll miss the breakfast, eh? Andrea. I never had to worry about your section either. Your sweet, caring and concerned personality did not go unnoticed either. Whatever you decide to do next year, good luck and if you need me, I'm just a phone call away. Romano. Well hey, it's been three years now since we've known each other. Remember all the fine philosophies I gave you when I worked at SAC? Remember all those times I beat you at Jeopardy? I'm still the champion. You're going to be a very successful person one day, of that I am confident. Just remember me! Thank you for all the hard work that you've done here - you've done an amazing job and will always be remembered. Michelle. Well, cheapsa, what a hell of a role, eh? Did you expect this craziness? I am very proud of the work that you've done and I'm extremely grateful that you've stepped up to the helm. Anyone you need help, give me a ring. I'm confident that you can handle this for the next three months. Don't take no holds from anyone though! You've done an excellent job. Thank you for being my right hand person and for your friendship. A shout out to all the old Medium fans who helped me into this role as EIC - Adam, Richie, Duncan, Robert and Mark. Your advice and experience is greatly appreciated. Adam, Jen, Melissa, Astrid, Jackie, Trevor, Richie, Cyrus, Romano, Sylvia, Angela & Kaelee. Thank you for a great year when I was News Editor. Thank you to all those other student society members and administrative people who gave me quotes, information and advice. Board of Directors. Thank you for everything. Well, it's time to say good-bye. Thank everyone who has supported me. Wow, this is really hard, but it's time to go. I know I'll be seeing you guys still though but until then, Good night.

So long, everyone!



Student begins new year with hope

Dear Editor,

We begin the new year with a hope and a prayer. A hope that students will finally have some representation in their fight for better services (more study space, lower tuition fees etc.) and a prayer that our representatives at ECSU and SAC finally clean up their act and do their jobs. Half of our school year has passed without much fanfare or joy. The problems we experienced in the past, are still haunting us in the present. Parking is still impossible as ever to find, most students are still struggling to get into second term classes and the lineups at Registrars and other departments are as long as ever. How are we as students being represented in our university? Though many generations of Erindalians have come, pondered this very question and moved on, I think it is time that a solution be

found. With the double cohort just around the corner, it is unlikely that the situation at Erindale is going to get any better. If we can't handle the number of students we have right now, what are we going to do when there are double the students in number and half the spaces available?

We can only hope that ECSU and SAC pay attention to these important issues and seek some answers. Let's not waste this term and call it quits. There is still time to redeem the blunders of the past and make something of this academic year before time runs out and it becomes too late.

Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Mohsin Khan

Expressed pub amendments late in coming

Re: "Pub seeks to clarify public opinion," Volume 29, Issue 14.

Dear Editor,

This is in response to the "Pub Seeks to Clarify Public Opinion" Letter published in last week's issue of the Medium. Mr. Mirza and Ms. Dawkins as one would expect, manage to expertly cover up their own tracks and successfully lay down the students and their ignorance as the ones to blame for the Pubs downfall.

What they fail to realize is, the downfall of the Blind Duck is due to poor management and decision making and not due to the students and Aramark.

They claim the Pub has run a deficit for over 20 years since its existence at Erindale College. It is evident the warning bells have been ringing for much too long. Maybe it is time to hand over the Pub to administration to run, as ECSU hasn't been doing a very good job of keeping the Blind Duck afloat.

The Blind Duck Pub since its inception at the old CrossRoads building, has been in deficit and even faced bankruptcy for years. However, what Mr. Mirza and Ms. Dawkins

fail to mention, is that the students are the one's who have been bailing out the Blind Duck through the collection of fees. The incidental fees collected from students yearly, has been used to ensure the pub hasn't gone under and out.

Thankfully Mr. Mirza and Ms. Dawkins have realized that changes must be implemented, soon. The sad part is, changes have been coming far too slow. It took an entire year of upset stomachs and diarrhea before the battery acid offered to students as coffee was changed. At this rate, we will not be privileged enough to see a new menu before our children graduate.

Though I agree that Aramark may be responsible for the size of the portions of food, they cannot be blamed for the dirty silverware and cold food as the staff at the pub is responsible for ensuring hot food on

clean plates.

For years students have complained the Door Staff is unfriendly, sometimes even downright rude to their peers. The food takes much longer to prepare than any other eatery on campus, and the taste of the food has been going down with the overall standard of the Pub (\$2 Pasta anyone?). It doesn't take a brain surgeon to figure out the problems of the pub. Hiring a consultant and paying him \$8000 of students' money to figure out what is wrong is throwing good money after bad. All of these complaints have been voiced for years but unfortunately the Duck has been turning a Blind Eye to them.

Enough already! Please wake up and smell the coffee, that is if you can.

Sincerely,
Afzal Mujahid

Student shocked by petty pranks

Re: "Editorial," Volume 29, Issue 13.

Dear Editor,

Shock is what comes to mind when reading the December 2nd edition of *The Medium*. *The Medium* has always done a fantastic job of bringing news and information to students about issues that matter. Recently, students have unfortunately been introduced to petty politics played by our governing student bodies. The latest one, orchestrated by ECSU is 'shocking' to say the least.

Posted around school we see signs and banners of ECSU crying out to students "have you been screwed? then come to ECSU for help." Ironically, they are the ones screwing everyone over. Ripping apart an issue of *The Medium* and taping it to the door in effigy, is childish and immature. Why would the Student Union resort to such foolish tactics? It's because they haven't been receiving the press they wanted, literally. An example can be taken of the students who had put on the auction pub for charity that month. They organized the event on their own and were not part of a club governed by the Student Union. It turned out to be one of the most successful pubs of the year. During the same week, ECSU put on Tacky Pub which failed miserably. Needless to say, the charity event made the cover of *The Medium* that week and the other didn't. Almost as a threat, ECSU in retaliation and disgust, threw up a tantrum and went about taping crumpled Medium issues to doors as if a bounty had been issued if further this 'mistake' was ever made again.

Furthermore, the whole debacle with the ESM awards and their attempt of ruining the image of *The Medium* is sad. As it is, students are disadvantaged on campus and it is worse when our campus leaders resort to bully tactics and try to slay one another instead of working as a team. I know ECSU doesn't want to hear criticism, but when wronged, they should at least take responsibility for their actions and fess up to their mistakes. Lets all hope they do.

Sincerely,
John Raymond

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ABOUT A PROMISE

BY ZEHRA HUSSAIN

They sit together in the parked car, staring straight ahead, him on the driver's side and her on the passenger's side. They sit so close that reaching out to touch his hand or leaning over to kiss the side of his mouth would only require a slight effort, but she hesitates.

She longs to turn his face towards her, to feel his arms around her, to relieve the chilly, almost formal, atmosphere in the car, yet she doesn't. She knows that this time she can't fight the inevitable that has to happen between them.

Yet neither of them speak. There is a strange feeling of suspense in the air. They each know what has to be said, the movements that have to be made. They've been through it before with other people, him more times than her. Yet they still stay the way they are, not saying anything, not doing anything. They both just stare at the pond with swans swimming gracefully on it, right in front of them.

She wonders what would happen if they stayed the way they are forever. An image of an old couple glued to the seats of this car comes to her mind; it is so absurd that she smiles.

"What are you thinking about?" he asks.

She was so caught up in her thoughts that she hadn't even realized that he had turned his head and was watching her.

She smiles wider when she looks at his

face. She starts to reach for his hand, but stops herself. Something inside tells her that, if she takes his hand, she won't be able to go through with what she has decided to do.

"Us" she replies, "this situation."

"What situation?" he asks.

"Nothing, forget it." She turns around to look at the swans in the pond again.

"You look really good today."

"Shut up," she says, secretly pleased he likes how she looks.

"No, I mean it," he insists.

"Did you get your hair cut?"

"No, it just fell off at the ends" she says as an attempt at some comic relief.

"You're so dumb," he says, laughing.

She smiles again at him and he takes her hand in his and kisses her finger tips.

"We need to talk." The words rush out of her mouth.

He drops her hand suddenly and puts his hand back on the steering wheel and starts staring at the swans again.

A few minutes pass, giving her the impression that he's not going to say anything. Then, just as she's about to plunge on, he says in a low voice, "It's been a long time coming."

"I know."

"Actually it's become almost non-existent, hasn't it?" he says, almost as if it were funny. "Us, I mean."

"Yeah."

"I still like you a lot."

"I feel the same," she assures him. "The strange thing is, we spent more time together when we were friends than we did as a couple!"

"I'd still like to be friends."

"So do I," she agrees. "But I don't want to forget our brief stint as a couple either."



"The main thing between us is that thing though," he says.

"Yeah, well, maybe that thing is a big thing."

"You would never change your mind about it?"

"I can't sweetie," she says, her voice strained. "I know it sounds lame but it would go against what I believe in."

"I know. It's not lame," he says. "Just a bit old-fashioned. I still respect your decision. I just wish it wasn't such a big issue for me either, but it is."

"Besides, we hardly spent time with each other," she says, changing the subject slightly.

"Well you had to spend time with your father."

"And you never made an effort," she retorts, surprised at her anger. "At least I

had a legitimate excuse. You know my father works abroad. I hardly get to see him."

Her voice suddenly starts to sound whiny to her own ears. She struggles for self-control.

"Trust me," he says, trying to sound sincere. "If I lived close to you, I would've seen you everyday."

"Yeah, right!" Unintentional sarcasm drips from each word.

She looks at him. He stares at the stupid swans.

"Ok," she says, determined to say what she planned. "Before we close the subject forever I need to ask you something."

"What?"

"Remember how you promised me when we got together that we would meet at least twice a week, every week?"

"Vaguely."

"What happened to that?"

"Oh, man."

"Just tell me," she demands.

He sighs then asks, "Why do you remember all of that?"

"Because I thought it was a sweet thing to say," she answers. "I actually believed

you."

"You're really naive."

"Can't argue with that," she says dryly.

"So, what's your answer?"

"Ok, ok," he relents. "I thought I'd have the car more."

"You could have taken the subway."

"I don't like using the subway."

"You don't LIKE taking the subway," she exclaims. "That's why we hardly went out?"

"I don't know!" he says, exasperated.

"This thing was doomed from the start!"

"Don't say that," he says, gently. He looks as if he had more to say, but falls silent.

"Ok, I guess I got my answer," she says finally. "We can be strictly friends now."

"I still like you," he offers. "But as a friend."

"Well at least all is not lost," she says, again without meaning to be sarcastic.

They both stare at the pond silently. He says nothing because he's afraid that any words from him will start another barrage of her passively aggressive questions. She says nothing because she feels so humiliated for letting herself believe. Perhaps it doesn't matter; there is nothing left to say.

POBBLE

Sweep

BY HEATHER VISSER

She spent yesterday cleaning soul hanging purple and yellow throws on the walls where your drawings used to live. She purged old notebooks ripped out poems full of images that could never be pinned down no matter how many re-writes breathless, wordless thoughts only capable of colour in her brain.

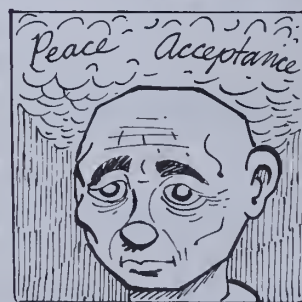
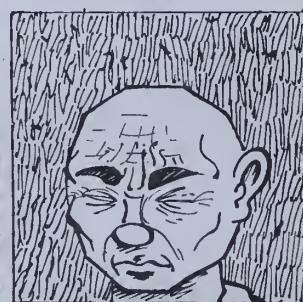
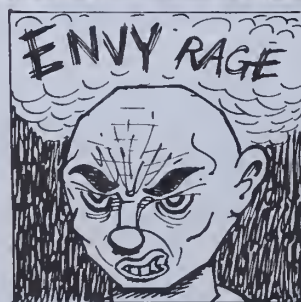
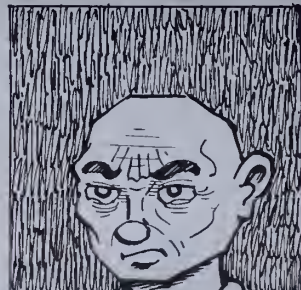


She came across your name on an otherwise blank page; the slightly tan and wrinkled paper a bird between her fingers. Its edges caught the air from the fan she let it go to join the other lettered canaries blowing across the floor, the "I miss you" card bought but never sent. And she wondered pick it up and keep it or let it fly?

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Urgent request to the Blue Fairy: Turn these children into stone

BY ZEYNEP TOUFE

Fairy tales often have a universal appeal and draw children of all nations into their magical world. Pinocchio is no exception, where the Blue Fairy rewards moral behavior and grants a puppet flesh-and-blood status.

I do doubt, however, that children in Iraq or Afghanistan could understand why an inanimate, man-made object would ever want to be a child of the flesh and blood kind. In their world, the flesh of children is there for maiming and the blood for flowing, unlike those beautiful, sacrosanct objects of art which must be preserved and doted on.

As the British *Independent* reports, "an international band of curators and historians anxious not to repeat the damage inflicted on Iraqi treasures during the Gulf War 11 years ago are appealing to the American government to take the historic sites into account." (<http://www.commondreams.org/headlines02/1107-04.htm>)

A similar surge of concern was observed when, about six months before the 9/11 attacks, Afghanistan made a brief appearance in the news. The world was outraged then, but not because hundreds of thousands of children's lives flickered away in refugee camps where lack of education, food, and opportunities stole away their childhood, and diseases and lack of medical care made sure many never grew into adults. The world was not outraged because the Taliban regime denied medical care to women (and children) by not allowing women healthcare workers to continue working or men to take care of women.

The outrage was not that the United States pushed the U.N. to slap economic sanctions on the country because of its refusal to turn over Osama bin Laden, sanctions that made things worse for the worst off, the poorest, the most vulnerable in the country (according to some estimates, the sanctions increased the price of basic medicines up to 50 percent) without providing leverage or means to make things better.

It was the 1,400-year-old Buddha statues carved into the mountainside at Bamiyan that triggered the heart-rending cries of concern. The New York Times (03/19/01) reported that Taliban envoy Rahmatullah Hashimi explained that the decision was made after an international non-governmental organization (NGO) offered money to restore the statues but refused to allow the money to be used in refugee camps where 300 children had just died. Hashimi recounted that the NGO was asked "instead of spending money on statues, why didn't they help our children who are dying of malnutrition?"

"In their world, the flesh of children is there for maiming and the blood for flowing"

the Taliban decided to destroy them. Germany, Malaysia and Japan joined Russia, India, United States, Egypt and others to decry the barbarity. Offers poured in: money to restore the statues, money to remove the statues for safekeeping somewhere else, money to change the rulers' minds. Money that had not been pouring in for the refugee camps, for food, for clean water.

Now the world's archeologists and curators are afraid a similar outrage

will occur to the historical artifacts in Iraq. The *Independent* quotes Helen McDonald, of the British School of Archaeology in Iraq, based at Cambridge University, who

explained that last time there was danger of war, the Iraqis had tried to move a great deal of their most important objects out into storage in the countryside and that they have already begun to do so again.

"But some things are immovable, such as huge stones. If a bomb hits a museum or something, that would be it," she said.

Sure enough, she notes, "The British School of Archaeology in Iraq has written [about this]. They wrote to the Foreign Office during the Gulf War to express concern, not just on the humanitarian grounds but the effects that it would have on the culture."



These children were photographed by photo/web visitors to Rawa, Iraq, their town. Note the dove, a symbol of peace, sitting on the boy's shoulder.

Bombing of stones isn't the only potential cause of horrors, according to Charles Tripp, of the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. He warns that in the wake of the Gulf War, sanctions had inadvertently caused as much damage to the archaeological sites of Iraq as direct attack.

Tripp notes: "The conditions of poverty had led to much looting of archaeological sites and site museums, which often contained significant finds even after the best items were removed to Baghdad. Numerous finds have turned up on the art market in the West."

Dr. Tripp observes that "there is a lot of temptation in a destitute country to rip something out that has a saleable value in the West."

Yes, especially since UNICEF reports that at least half a million children have died due to those sanctions. (<http://www.scn.org/ccpi/HarpersJoyGordonNov02.html>) I can imagine parents looting and prying loose every single stone, rock, tablet, gem or otherwise inanimate object in that country to try to obtain food or simple medicines.

It has been reported that when a journalist asked Mahatma Gandhi what he thought about Western Civilization, he replied, "it would be a good idea." Indeed, it would be a

good idea; unfortunately, it's unlikely we'll be able to muster that up in short order so we need a more serious, urgent and miraculous intervention.

We need the Blue Fairy who turned Pinocchio into flesh to perform a reverse miracle. So here goes.

Please, Blue Fairy, turn the children of Iraq into stone. The older the stone better. Stone with cracks and signs of aging and weather damage would be perfect. Hopefully, that will evoke some protective reflexes and caring in their direction.

Blue Fairy, while you are at it, please do the same for the children of Afghanistan which is once again facing famine, since the investment required and promised has not been delivered. And the children of Southern Africa which is in the midst of a progressing famine due to the drought which might have been triggered partly by global warming. And the children in Central America which is now threatened by famine thanks to the crisis in the coffee industry which never paid farmers more than a pittance of their enormous profit.

If the Blue Fairy does not come through, I encourage the Iraqis to start their own Make-a-Wish foundation, which grants wishes to children with terminal illnesses. Of course, in Iraq, because of the sanctions, easily curable diseases like cholera and treatable childhood problems like leukemia are often terminal. Then there are the congenital birth defects in the depleted, uranium-polluted south.

That Make-a-Wish foundation should take those children, whose childhood we have collectively destroyed, to the precious museums and let them play with all those precious stones and tablets. The children should paint them with permanent ink. They should throw them to the ground from high buildings to see from which floor they pulverize most easily. They should be encouraged to play team games and see which team can hammer a tablet into dust fastest.

Maybe, just maybe, what must surely be the collective wish of all those children and their families will come true. Maybe, amidst the predictable outrage over crushed stone, the world will notice them.

And maybe, just maybe, the biggest miracle of all will happen without the Blue Fairy — our hearts of stone will turn into flesh and blood.

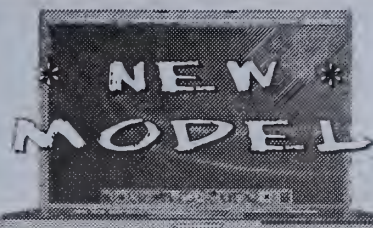
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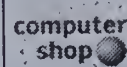
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LOTR's, The Two Towers stands tall from all the rest

MOVIE REVIEW

BY

JASON MARSH-LAROUCHE



Last year, *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* saw J.R.R. Tolkien's extraordinary world of Middle-Earth come to life and dominate the box office, earn numerous awards, and watch award director Peter Jackson critical acclaim and worldwide fame.

Ironically, that was only one part of the story.

This December, reality journeyed back into that fantasy again in *The Two Towers* – the second part of the trilogy filmed in New Zealand.

We left off with the ring-bearing Hobbit, Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood), and his gardener, Samwise Gamgee (Sean Astin), as they left the Fellowship to journey to the land of Mordor alone, while Aragorn (Viggo Mortenson), Legolas the Elf (Orlando Bloom) and the Dwarf Gimli (John Rhys Davies) pursued the evil Uruk-Hai, mercenary demon soldiers of Saruman, The White (Christopher Lee) and his disembodied master, the Dark Lord Sauron.

In this new installment, while Sam and Frodo are lost in the mountain range, the trio of friends comes across the rising danger to the kingdom of Rohan to take up arms to defend their people alongside the resurrected Gandalf The White (Ian McKellan). As for the two remaining Hobbits, Meriadoc "Merry" Brandybuck (Dominic Monaghan) and Peregrin "Pippin" Took (Billy Boyd), they escape their captives with the help of strange, tree-like creatures known as Ents, led by Treebeard (voiced by John Rhys-Davies).

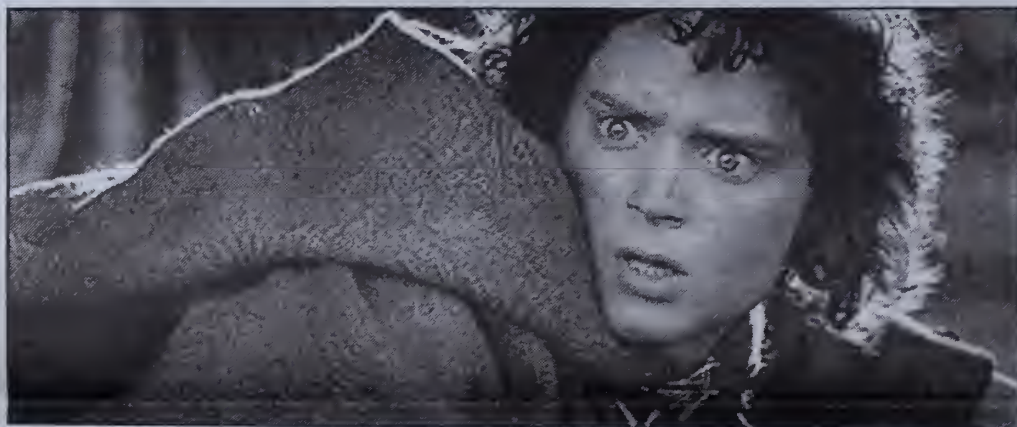
Other than Treebeard, other new characters include Eowyn (Miranda Otto), niece to King Theoden (Bernard Hill), both who have been used by the

eerie Grima Wormtongue (Brad Dourif), a spy of Saruman's. Old characters such as the Elf Lord Elrond, his daughter, Arwen (Liv Tyler), and Galadriel (Cate Blanchett) make minor appearances. However, one character who was barely seen in the first film has an extended role. Gollum (voiced by Andy Serkis), the original

Each has a sort of morality tale underlining the main plot about overcoming self-doubt and fear and finding hope when there seems to be none left.

The climax of the story is an incredible battle at Helm's Deep, where the people of Rohan, the three warriors, and Elves sent from Elrond, must defend the innocent from an endless

story shows substance because every character has shortcomings that he or she must overcome – Frodo is slowly succumbing to the ring's power, while Theoden's doubt in his own ability to rule parallels Aragorn's fear of the throne. Gollum, who still suffers from schizophrenia, finds solace in the fact that he is protected by Frodo from



ring bearer, has stalked Frodo and Sam into the mountains surrounding Mordor, but ends up being their guide into the forbidden land, all the while fighting with a sinister alternate personality that wants the ring.

The format is not one, but three separate stories rotated throughout the whole piece, and is done flawlessly.

horde of Orcs, Goblins, and Uruk-Hai. A combination of high and low tech effects, CGI characters, an incredible set, and outstanding choreography makes the battle one that is worth the money you pay to get into the theater. Effects aside, the battle is very believable because it is handled as it would have been back in medieval times. The

Sam's suspicions, and is reminded of his former identity. Even the relationship between Aragorn and the immortal Arwen is jeopardized by both Elrond's insistence of her accompanying her fellow Elves to the West, and Eowyn's growing attraction to Aragorn. The Elven princess is faced with the reality of living out the ages

alone and immortal while her love will eventually succumb to old age and finally death. Out of all the characters, however, the one character who has a limited role is Gandalf. Once the spearhead of the quest, he is reduced to keeping out of the adventure until the climactic battle. However, it serves to draw the viewer's attention to the other members of the Fellowship, how they grow as both a team and as individuals.

It will be a relief to most people that *The Two Towers* moves along at a much faster pace than *Fellowship of the Ring*, probably because there's less dialogue. Gimli's contributions to the journey borders on the line of comic relief and the most physical player aside from Aragorn. More humor though is definitely needed in this film. More humor is needed. Gimli the Dwarf says a couple of intelligently humorous lines, however he had the potential to deliver much more.

Once again, Peter Jackson does not fail in delivering a worthwhile gift to Tolkien fans in time for the holidays. *The Two Towers* both equals and surpasses its predecessor with the same amount of detail, casting, effects, and devotion to the original story. It would be no surprise to this reporter if Peter gets another Academy Award nomination for Best Picture.

The effects are phenomenal, as they attack the imagination with unexpected heartlessness. The imagery is too fierce to forget. This film is indeed one about the war of worlds, where gallantry is seen as glorious and wickedness is regarded like the gum stuck to the bottom of your shoes.

The saga that began as an adventurous quest has become a battle for survival. A friendly reminder, there is no recap in this film. There is no reminder of what we saw in the first film. *The Two Towers* plunges right into what the audience has been anticipating for the last year... the rest of the story. And so this road goes forever on and on...

MXPX's mature cd runs with originality

In their 20's, MXPX has been an independent phenomenon since the mid-90's, spawning a large fanbase through crucial national touring. Their album *Ten Years and Running* contains tracks from their early days, including 'PxPx' and their underground hit 'Want Ad.'

Ten Years and Running features all of MXPX's best songs to date in no particular order. The impressive booklet contains 32 pages of pictures of the band from the last 10 years for fans who have followed the band.

The disc itself features classic songs like 'Punk Rawk Show,' 'Chick Magnet,' 'Teenage Politics,' 'GSF,' and 'Move To Bremerton' to name a few. Together with newer tracks like 'My Life Story,' 'Punk Rawk Show' is re-recorded and it sounds so much then the original. The new songs were tracked by the band at their Clubhouse Studios



in Bremerton and mixed by Tim Palmer (U2, Pearl Jam) who also remixed 14 of the other songs. The album is an unusual compilation because most of the tracks are remixed and many of their well-known songs have appeared in versions previously unreleased.

If you've never heard MXPX, this is the best release to pick up since this contains all of the band's best songs. *Ten Years and Running* shows the band at its best and it clearly shows how much the band has matured over the years. – Andrea Civichino

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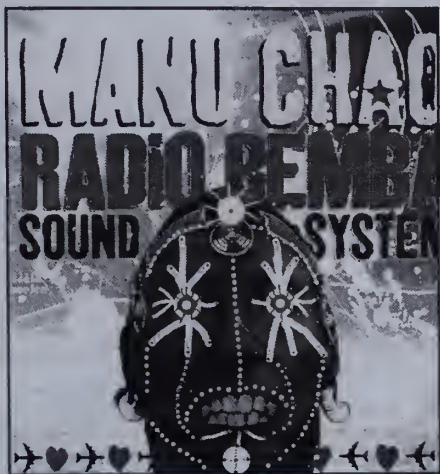
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3.2/5**



After three years of touring and over 120 concerts on three continents in front of a million fans, Manu Chao and his group, the Radio Bemba Sound System has released their first live record. This album includes remixed titles from Manu Chao's two solo records, as well as unreleased titles and covers from Mano Negra albums.

Manu Chao, who has always loved singing in bars and in the hood decided to put together a band to go on tour in 1999. "Remember that saying be careful of what you wish for?" Manu Chao encountered Gambit, the giant tattooed bassist with a devil-may-care attitude towards musical rules along with Madgrid Fahem and his raw-boned guitar grinding out notes, B-Roy the accordionist, Gerard Casajus the percussionist, Antonio Garcia Garreta on the keyboard, David Bourguignon on the drums, Bidji the hip-hop rapper and Gianly Salzar and Roy Paci with their trumpets and trombones. This kaleidoscope of colour worked with Renaud Letang to produce this album.

The tracks on this album is a fusion of South American rhythms with punk

and hard rock influences, a blend of ska and flamenco, salsa and reggae. 'Machine Gun,' 'Por Donde Saldrá El Sol' and 'Peligro' are just a few tracks that will get you and your friends marching in a conga line along the dance floor. The combination of drums, trumpets and give their music an authentic sound without unaltered sound recordings.

One minor criticism would be that the sleeve tries to pretend that this is a recording of the Manu Chao's entire tour. In fact it's just the recording of one night in Paris in July 2001. And, you'll probably have a little difficulty understanding the lyrical content, however, you'll be too engrossed in the colourful blend of musical beats to try to dissect the lyrics.

— Andrea Civichino

Album paints a colorful splash of latin flavour

**Miguel Migs
Colorful You
Virgin Music Canada
2.5/5**

Smooth house operator Miguel Migs sets the scene for a hot summer ride with his latest album *Colorful You*. This up and coming producer slash DJ hits us with one flawless piece of art. Migs, a Santa Cruz, California native whose 'Breakin It Down' single was Naked Music's first release in 1998, has been at the forefront of the soul-driven deep house music scene ever since touring nonstop and emerging from America's club music underground in years.

While working with engineer Jay-J Hernandez, Migs' tracks began showing up on labels like Yoshitoshi, NRK Sound Division, Large Music and Black Vinyl Records. Hi popular tracks and remixes on Naked Music pushed Migs' name into the forefront, gaining him the recognition as URB Magazine's 'Next 100' in 2000.

Migs' music flows at ease from dub and reggae sounds to jazz and R&B vocals such as 'Days of Color,' 'Soul Vibe,' and 'Messages.' Migs puts thick basslines and chunky driving drums on his tracks with guitar cords swirling throughout the mix. *Colorful You* is alive with confidence and Miguel Migs has in his vibrant, emotional style, a chunky mix of sun-soaked melodies, Latin-flavored samples, and hot and sexy grooves. His unique sound coupled with Lisa Shaw's angelic vocals creates a poolside flavor, from slow funky tracks, to inspiring beats.

For those familiar with Migs' music, this album make a great follow-up to *Nude Tempo One*, a favorite amongst critics and fans. Migs has definitely helped reinvigorate the house music world.

— Andrea Civichino



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ALBUM PICK OF THE WEEK

**Crazy Town
Darkhorse
Sony Music/Columbia
Records
4/5**

After 'Butterfly' flew off the airways in 2000, everyone thought CrazyTown was another one-hit-wonder band who was gone for good, however, these six songsters just released their second album through Sony Music and Columbia Records, entitled *Darkhorse* — a completely live album with has a lot of very dark, dismal songs, with a much harder, less-pop-sounding feel than their first album. The first single, entitled 'Drowning' has an excellent mix of instruments and strong vocals. CrazyTown's lyrics are the most powerful aspect to their music. 'Change' has a lot of great phrases from being "a child playing with matches, who's never been burned," to "a piece of sharp glass, lying on the frame of a window that's been broken by the bricks of pain."

'Candy Coated' sounds very similar to 'Change', but there are a lot more moments where the singers sing acapella, giving more impact to their lyrics. 'Waste of My Time' changes the direction of anger away from them to the person who has been a waste of their time. 'Sorry' continues that trend, but with softer singing mixed with the typical talking/rapping of the other songs. This track seems like the closest thing to a rock ballad.

'Beautiful' also uses the ballad technique. This clearly shows that these boys can sing as well as write deep lyrics. 'Battle Cry' sounds like Marilyn Manson at the beginning, with a whispering intro, and 'Take it to the Bridge' is one of the fastest, hardest songs on the album and it sounds like Linkin Park. It seems as if they're telling someone to jump off a bridge, but the message at the end says that you have to be

yourself and not try to be like them. to this song; it definitely gets the

'Skulls and Stars,' is great slow track, but the lyrics move quickly. Amongst the supposed 32 tracks, 11 of which are listed on the CD jacket, there are two hidden tracks, 'You're The One' and 'Them Days.' The first track starts about 25 seconds in, and is one of the best songs on the album. Shifty, the lead singer has admitted to it being his favourite song, as it's about him and his "girl." With some computer generated sounds, more positive lyrics, and lots of strong base, it's a shame that so many people will overlook the track. 'Them Days' sounds like a test towards critics, starting with the simple line of "how do you like us now?" Drums are key



heads nodding. This album can't be judged after the first run through. The lyrics need to be listened to and the beats need to be separated. After that is done, the judgment of a great album can be set.

— Stephanie Lazarevski

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2003 SAC AGM-Tentative Agenda

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Speaker
- 3) Approval of Agenda
- 4) SAC Financial Statement: BIRT the audited financial statements for the Students' Administrative Council for 2000-2001 be accepted as presented.
Lea/Kusi-Achampong
- 5) SAC Auditors: BIRT the Students' Administrative Council appoint Williams and Partners as auditors of the Corporation for 2002-2003.
Lea/Kusi-Achampong
- 6) SAC By-Law Amendments: BIRT the By-laws and Rules of Procedure be amended as approved by the SAC Board of Directors.
Thiruchelvam/ Kusi-Achampong
- 7) Other Business
- 8) Adjournment

BALANCE SHEET AS OF APRIL 30, 2002

ASSETS	GENERAL FUND	WHEELCHAIR FUND	WHEELCHAIR ENDOWMENT FUND	TOTAL AS OF APRIL 30, 2001	TOTAL AS OF APRIL 30, 2000
CURRENT					
Cash and equivalents	1,446,147	63,369		1,509,516	1,246,993
Accounts receivable	52,641			52,641	63,831
Inventory					3,100
	1,498,788	63,369		1,562,157	1,313,924
Investments		393,269	420,059	813,855	900,981
Capital	19,101			19,101	57,472
	1,517,889	457,165	420,059	2,395,113	2,272,377
LIABILITIES					
CURRENT					
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	1,515,932			1,515,932	1,258,482
FUND BALANCES					
Invested in Capital Assets	19,101			19,101	57,472
Unrestricted	(-17,144)			(-17,144)	(-63,744)
Externally Restricted		457,165	420,059	877,224	1,020,167
	1,957	457,165	420,059	879,181	1,013,895
	1,517,889	457,165	420,059	2,395,113	2,272,377

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2002

REVENUES	GENERAL FUND	WHEELCHAIR FUND	WHEELCHAIR ENDOWMENT FUND	TOTAL AS OF APRIL 30, 2001	TOTAL AS OF APRIL 30, 2000
Student Membership Fees	\$783,558			\$783,558	\$673,207
Orientation	127,643			127,643	124,837
Convocations	103,872			103,872	104,499
Other	3,752			3,752	20,811
Health Plan Administration	110,955			110,955	108,880
Investment Income	45,660	15,165	4,157	64,982	135,890
Gain on Sale of Investments		758		758	39,544
	\$1,175,440	\$15,923	\$4,157	\$1,195,520	\$1,207,968
EXPENDITURES					
Administration	\$531,456			\$531,456	\$489,432
Amortization	17,553			17,553	33,062
Commissions	169,412			169,412	228,786
Committees	84,704			84,704	93,100
Convocations	72,391			72,391	70,630
Health Plan Administration	108,731			108,731	108,988
Information Services	13,733			13,733	25,280
Orientation	144,107			144,107	148,840
S.A.C. Pub, net	4,774			4,774	69,250
Loss on disposal of pub assets	20,350			20,350	
Project Expenditures		163,023		163,023	73,059
					\$1,340,427
Provision for Insurance Premiums	\$1,167,211	\$163,023		\$1,330,234	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$8,229	(\$147,100)	\$4,157	(\$134,714)	(\$132,459)

SPORTS

2003 UTM Ball Hockey League

Preview

The tradition continues

By "THE COMMISH" JON LEE

Finally, it's time again for the biggest sporting event in UTM, Men's Ball Hockey. The

Commish is back for one more season of previews, predictions for recreation and summaries of the games. This year we have a full Division One with 5 teams looking to knock off the 3-time, 3-time, 3-time champions, Fury. With the former Rookies team moving to Division One, there is room for a new champion in Division Two. Here's your season pre-

view, with the Commish's predictions, preseason rankings and team comments.

NOTE: All articles were only edited for spelling and grammar. The views expressed are those of the team representatives and are not of the UTM Ball Hockey offices and the Medium. And my views are, well, my own.



Division one proves to be exciting as some new teams have been added to the mix. Fury will be tested again but appear to be the front runner and look to take their fourth straight title. With many offensive weapons, they look untouchable.

WATERBOYZ

Team Name: Waterboyz
Captain: J.P. Paluzzi
Division One

Years in League: 3rd Year in League

Key Players: See below

Comments:

Waterboyz WHAT!! Echoing our chant from last year the boyz are back and ready to dilute each and every team. With new acquisitions and returning stars, the Boyz are looking good, both metaphorically and physically. The likes of 'Captain' Paluzzi, 'Chiselled' Chris D. Paolo the 'Giant' C. and the 'Junior duo' Mike and Bilal are ready to make a stunning impact. Last years all star game which highlighted Tweedeldee and Tweedeldum (Jay and Ray) running the show with highlight reel goals is what the competition can look forward to. "I hate you!!" was uttered by

Fury's Captain Mike Acedo towards Jarvis Gillingham during the game. We know that Mike and everyone else will be feeling the same because the Boyz are going to make each team feel and look STUPID. Jarvis and Ray put a

show that is still

talked about to this day. We even have a feeling that our goals against average is going to be quite low. The Boyz encourage any challengers-"we will diSPENCE of the competition!!"

Prediction: Gee, how should I read into this one? Though about diSPENCing teams, that is to be seen, if you read below another report. This team has bulked up on some key spots after losing to the departed Dragons in the semi-finals last season. Look for the two former Red Wings all stars to add some scoring depth to the Boyz (Mike and Bilal) while between the pipes; it looks "Stone Cold" impressive for now. They will miss Massimo Giannobile as the big shot from the point, so the defensive point may be the lone weak spot I can see.

Preseason Rank: Second Place

Editor's Note: the promise has always been there, but when will this team ever come through in the big game? They've got the talent, yet will definitely feel the loss of Giannobile on defence. He was their anchor and the proverbial "pillar of strength" for the team the past couple of years. With other players focusing on the offensive zone, who will step-up in his absence? Captain Paluzzi is a solid stay-at-home defenseman yet cannot provide the offensive numbers that Giannobile provided. This team is still exciting to watch, yet one has to wonder if they will still be a bridesmaid again this year.

Division I
FURY

Team Name: Fury
Captain: Mike Acedo
Division One

Years in League: 4th year in League
Key Players: See below

Comments:

Another UTM ball hockey season, another division I championship for FURY! What else needs to be said about this team? Let's see, seven straight years as an organized team, seven straight Championships! No professional sports organization has ever seen a dynasty such as this one. Mike Acedo, Adam Daly, and veteran Bruce Worthington are all back to lead this team to another season of demolishing ball hockey opponents. Mike Sudeyko is also returning which should pretty much round out the top four scorers in the league. Jay Abbott has once again used off-season training to complement this highly potent squad of offensive powerhouses. Returning between the pipes this year is Neil Meneses who is all but a lock to secure the lowest goals against average. Tryouts are being conducted for the sixth and final roster spot but let's face it,

another championship is already secured! The only question left in the air is how many goals this team racks up and how few it lets in. If you were thinking about betting against this team, don't and save your money. You'd have a better shot at predicting a Communist Revolution!

P.S. This is to all the hockey fans out there. If you are having trouble getting NHL tickets this year, come out and watch the FURY instead! Believe me, they're just as impressive! Feel free to ask for autographs.

Prediction: The 7 year championship is of course dating back past the 1 year suspension of the league. Fury is the top dog from last year and as they say, "to be the man, you have to beat the man!" So until then I got them penciled in for the 4-peat...for now. The Commish was very impressed with last year's Fury rookies' (Sudeyko and Meneses) performances and see them to have outstanding sophomore years. Oh, and Bruce Worthington is holding some type of consecutive season streak as he returns for his fourth year with Fury, still playing strong.

Preseason Rank: First Place

UPSET CITY

Team Name: Upset City
Captain: Randy Musa
Division I

Years in League: Expansion Team
Key Players: Randy Musa and Brandon Balogh and Philip Hintzen

Comments:

Our offence starts with our defence, and quarterbacking the D is Randy Musa a.k.a. the muse. The aggressive play and quick reflexes of the muse keeps the opposition guessing. The 6'6 power forward is known as Brandon Balogh who likens his play to Bertuzzi and is determined shoot the lights out. In the middle we have the weakest link, Philip Hintzen, whose lack of coordination is never upstaged by his

lack of hockey sense, however, Philip's work ethic and discipline from the army makes him a force to be reckoned with. Upset City come to win and we play with only one sub (that's the way we like it.) So beware division I, and upsets a comin!!!

Prediction: Hmm, time to stand back for the others in the league? The fresh competition is welcomed, so the pre-rank here for now is only on the fact I haven't seen these guys play yet. Musa as a defenseman is a big part of where this team goes, as defensemen are rare in this league, but so essential to manning the power play and are the trusted goalie's other best friend, other than his posts.

Preseason Rank: Sixth Place

WILD CATS

Team Name: Wildcats (formerly the Young Bloods)
Division I

Team Captain: Matthew Spagnolo
Years in League: Second year in the league.

2003 UTM Ball Hockey League Preview

WILD CATS

continued from page 13

Key Players: Mike Wach, Tom Waloszek, and Ravi Bhardwaj.

Comments:

We are looking to show that we can compete in Div 1 and we are looking to get some revenge on Fury for knocking us out of the playoffs last year.

Prediction: Going on what the Commish knows from last season, these guys showed some major gusto in their expansion year, knocking off the Titans in a playoff qualifier before falling to Fury. Spagnolo has shown he can lead this team to big things to come.

Preseason Rank: Fourth Place.

IRON MIXEDBREED

Team Name: Iron Mixedbreed

a.k.a. Plastic Wrap

Team Captain: Mike Ross
Division 1

Years in League: Expansion

Team Key players: Mike Ross, Paul Peca, Milan Brankovic, and Mike McDonald

Prediction: I'm putting these guys for now a bit ahead of Upset City because through the Commish Grapevine, these guys have played together in organized hockey and Ross in particular is the player to watch.

Preseason Rank: Fifth Place

Comments:

This is a Team full of Veteran Experience.

DIV I ROOKIES

Team Name: Div.1 Rookies

Captain: Jack Krist, and
GM/player Pardeep Nagra
Division 1

Years in League: 2nd year in
the league

Key Players: Pardeep Nagra,
Kevin Lee, Bruno Pellegrino,
Steve Freitas, and Sam Gill

Comments:

Last year's Div. 2 champions might be hard pressed to take Div. 1 in their rookie year, but hey, they said

they wouldn't win Div. 2 either!

"The Big Shot" Kevin Lee is the key to the offence and Pardeep Nagra will be the show again. We are hoping goalie Andrew Rabba will be back off the injured reserve list. We are looking for a Top Goal Scorer to round out our roster. If you can't bring the ball, don't even call us.

Prediction: This team can shake things up in Division One as well. Hey, being the Division 2 champs

holds some water, and they do have the veterans who have played in Division 1 (like Pardeep and Sam who are both former Division One Leafs). The Commish also got a look at new additions Bruno and Steve. Steve adds the much needed speed and Bruno is a solid two-way player who is coming off injury. But true, this team will only fight for top spot IF goalie Andrew Rabba heals up in time, or they find a good replacement.

Preseason Rank: Third Place

Division II

WHAALERS

Team Name: Whalers
Division 2 West

Team Captain: Chris Jackson
Years in League: 3rd year in
the League

Key Players: See below

Comments:

The Whalers, formally the Raiders

who were formally the Renegades, are back with a talent loaded team as always. This year however, it's premium talent. The Whalers new additions include: Mathew "Barely legal" Carrier, our "Bhoulin wall" in goal, Paul "Hangover" Sorensen, a gifted offensive forward from Intramural

Ice Hockey, and Mark "Red Dog" Hawthorne, our big D man signed in the off season from the Red Wings were his talents went under appreciated.

Returning from the Raiders: Chris "Action" Jackson the Western + team leader in points from last year, Louie "Deke" through the whole team twice drop the goalies jock and score top corner" Dodaro a stick handling maniac, Matt "Mouse" Spiteri a goal-tenders nightmare in the crease, Jon "Downtown" Brown not the biggest dog in the fight but the biggest fight in the dog, and Vince "Vinsanity clutch three point shooter wait, this is hockey" Cheng hands like Paul Kariya wheels like Pavel Bure.

Returning from the Renegades: Jon "Ladies man" Slota when he's not busy getting the job done, he's on the floor getting the job done, and Matt "Never my fault Casa" Capobianco, the leading point getter in the 2000 playoffs and a power forward who's touch for scoring is unparalleled.

The Whalers are looking for revenge from last season with a spectacular run into the playoffs.

Prediction: Well the former Raiders/Renegades are still in tact and will likely play more strongly this year with the new additions, after the upset loss to the Rage in the first round last year. Jackson, Brown, Dodaro, Capobianco and Cheng are just a few of the offensive weapons this team has, but they need the goaltending to be strong again this year, so the new acquisition of Carrier has to occasionally carry this team to a win or more. Adding Hawthorne on defence will help them balance the blue line and keep their heads in it against other big offensive teams. If this is so, then they can be the top team in Division Two, fighting with the Milkmen.

Preseason Rank: First Place overall, First in the West

TOWN HALL MEETINGS ON ACADEMIC PLANNING

The Provost's Office launched the next academic planning process in mid December 2002 by posting "green papers" at <http://www.utoronto.ca/plan2003>. A "green paper" is issued for a consultative phase that precedes the drafting of a planning or policy document. The "green paper" phase of planning aims to elicit campus-wide discussion about priorities for the next academic plan. The green papers will also be published in the January 13th issue of the Bulletin.

During January and February, Provost Shirley Neuman will be holding a series of Town Hall meetings to discuss the "green papers." This is an opportunity for all members of the university community to contribute their ideas and their sense of priorities to the academic planning process. All members of the university – students, faculty, staff and alumni – are strongly encouraged to participate in one or more of these fora to share their questions, ideas and responses with each other and the Provost.

Following this consultation, a draft academic plan for the 2003-2009 period will be drafted. It will be circulated for further discussion before being taken to Governing Council in late spring.



THE CALENDAR FOR THE TOWN HALL MEETINGS FOLLOWS:

Friday, January 10, 2003 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm Innis College, Town Hall, Room 112 2 Sussex Avenue	Thursday, January 16, 2003 9:00 am – 10:30 am Bahen Centre Information Technology Auditorium, Room 1160 40 St. George Street	Monday, January 27, 2003 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Trinity College George Ignatieff Theatre 15 Devonshire Place	Monday, February 3, 2003 9:00 am – 10:30 am OISE/UT Auditorium, Room G162 252 Bloor Street West
Tuesday, January 14, 2003 10:00 am – 11:30 am Medical Science Building MacLeod Auditorium, Room 2158 1 King's College Circle	Monday, January 20, 2003 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm University College Room 140 15 King's College Circle	Wednesday, January 29, 2003 9:00 am – 10:30 am St. Michael's College Alumni Hall, Room 100 121 St. Joseph Street	Wednesday, February 5, 2003 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm University of Toronto at Scarborough Humanities Wing, 2nd floor, Room 216 1265 Military Trail
Wednesday, January 15, 2003 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Victoria University Isabel Bader Theatre 93 Charles Street	Friday, January 24, 2003 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm University of Toronto at Mississauga Matthews Auditorium Kaneff Centre, Room 137 3359 Mississauga Road N.	Friday, January 31, 2003 10:00 am – 11:30 am Earth Sciences Centre, Room 1050 25 Wilcocks Street	Friday, February 14, 2003 10:00 am – 11:30 am New College Wilson Hall Amphitheatre, Room 1016 30 Wilcocks Street

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WINNIPEG JETS

Team Name: Winnipeg Jets
Division 2 West
Captain: James Sporcic
Year in League: Second
Key Players: James Sporcic,
Dave Kuszka

Comments:

The team should be much improved this year. The two top rookies from last year return in James Sporcic and Dave Kuszka. Both of them are two of the better all-around players in the league. They had all-star years last year, but were left off due to blatant

favouritism by the league. Some key players have been added on forward and defence to give the team the depth they lacked last year. The biggest problem last year was the goaltending situation and that has been greatly enhanced this season. The team was very competitive last year but was always let down by the goaltending. The improvements at depth, goaltending, and the return of one of the top lines in the league, plus the team's usual grit and character should lead to a run deep into the playoffs.

Prediction: One of the returning

team to the Division, they could come up the rankings if in fact they solved the goalie issue. They did make the playoffs but were over-matched by numbers and too many shots by the Milkmen in the first round. Look for Kuszka to have a possible breakout year and to speak for the league, there is no favouritism for all-star picks, as it was voted upon. That said if on of the Jets' main players break out, all-star status could be icing to going far in the playoffs.

Preseason Rank: Sixth Place overall, Third in the West

HOLOHO

Team Name: HoLoHo
Division 2 East
Team Captain: Thomas Krebs
Years in League: 3rd year in the
League (1 year hiatus)
Key Players: See below.

Comments:

After a year off HoLoHo's, a team raised out of the UTM rowing crew will looking to return to it's roots and capture the division title as it did in it's first year. Lead by captain Thomas Krebs, and with 4 time all-star goalie Kevin Spence minding the net once again, saying that he is going to backstop the team to the division championship, look for the Ho's to show

in the finals. With the acquisition of the "One Man Highlight Reel," and the "Wee Man" the Ho's are looking more confident then ever before.

Prediction: OK, first off I was a bit amazed to see this team resurrected after they disbanded after winning Division 2 last year. They don't have the same dominant players returning like with Yasin Ozturk and Adam Giles, but who knows what can come out of the past...Spence has along with Krebs, and already with solid goaltending, they just need to find the scoring.

Preseason Rank: Fourth Place, Third in the East

CHINATOWN

Team Name: Team Defiance
Captain(s): Andrew
Cheung/Shahid Amlani
Division 2 East
Years in League: Expansion
Team (1st year in the league)
Key Players: A mix of players
new to hockey and those that
have experience.

Comments:

A first year team hoping to make some noise in division 2. This team offers a blend of players, some who are new to the world of ball hockey and others who look to make an impact. Making the playoffs with be the teams first priority, but don't be surprised these underdogs end up taking it all.

Prediction: Hmm, tough to call especially for an expansion team. But then again, I've been captain of 3 Free Agents teams who happily surprised me. Cheung starts in net so it starts for an expansion team from the goalie out to be able to succeed in this league.

Preseason Rank: Ninth Place overall, Fifth in the East

HUNTERS

Team Name: Hunters
Division 2 East
Team Captain: Waqas
Sikander
Years in League: 1st,
Expansion Team
Key Players: Zain, Waqas

Prediction: A team of few words, though this makes for a tough early rating of this expansion team. Waqas will have to lead by example and we'll see where this team goes.

Preseason Rank: Tenth Place overall, Fifth in the West

Comments: None



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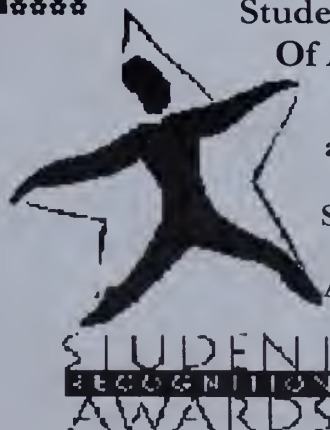
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Division II

RED ARMY

Team Name: The Red Army
Captain: Mark Samoszewski
Division 2 East

Years in League: Expansion Team
Key Players: Defensive standout Ian Mitchell, Rookie of The Year Mark Samoszewski, goaltender Jon Miller

Comments:

The first year Red Army is compromised by many proved veterans from ball and ice hockey. New faces Justin Sconci and Adam Lentini are expected to bring their great on-ice play into the ball hockey league while veterans Mark Samoszewski, Afonso Tavares and Dan Pelech will be looking to continue their consistent play from

last year. The Red Army's biggest acquisition has been Ian Mitchell, his hockey knowledge and shot on the power play may be enough to get the Army into the playoffs.

Prediction: The Commish is intrigued to see how this team does, especially with Miller who could shine in net and is a good addition to the already growing goalie pool in the league. Since they played for my team, I can definitely say that Mark picked up some good scoring touches in Afonso and Pelech. It will be essential on how these guys gel in their first few games. Preseason Rank: Third Place overall, Second in the East

MILKMEN

Team Name: Milkmen
Division 2 East

Team Captain: Matt Baptista
Years in League: 1 year
Key Players: Parmalat Girls in the stands cheering.

Comments:

"Without a doubt, the Most Controversial Team of 2002." The MILKMEN may have lost some key players from last year's squad, but they have signed new "all star" players over the off-season that may lead this team to the championship. With the Parmalat Girls in the stands and the talent this team offers, the MILK-

MEN will once again, be a joy to watch!

Prediction: Got milk again? OK, outside the funny stuff, this is still a good team that runs many good lines. They knocked off the Jets before being upset by a very determined (now defunct) Rage squad. On top of that, through the Commish Grapevine, there is rumour that the Milkmen also added some of their own RAGE to their line up and that could be a difference of how far they go this year. Look for Baptista to lead this team to a top spot in the division.

Preseason Rank: Second Place overall, First in the East

SAWMILL VALLEY TRAIL BLAZERS

Team Name: Sawmill Valley Trailblazers
Division 2 West

Captain's Name: Scott Reidel
Years in the League: 3rd year
Key Players: See below

Comments:

Coming off a rather disappointing season, the Trailblazers look to establish themselves as a top contender in Division 2 this year. As usual, Cory Johnson will need to lead the offensive output while Glenn House and Rodney Faria will be counted on to have breakout seasons. The Trailblazers also look to have a more stable defence this season with Scott Reidel picking up bigger defensive role, and with Chris Pedro putting up

a solid front in net. The SMVTB hope that their fans will make fewer trips to the trail this season, and instead opt for the bleachers to show support and cheer them all the way to this year's finals.

Prediction: As it is noted above, this team has the superstar power of Johnson, but he needs a supporting cast to have this team step up to at least make the playoffs this year. The pickup of Reidel on defence will certainly help out to keep the other team off the score sheet but the Commish sees the best decision in being the decision to put Pedro in net, as he showed flashes of greatness in net during the tail end of last season.

Preseason Rank: Seventh Place overall, Fourth in the West

FLAMING AMAZON

Team Name: Flaming Amazons
Division 2 East
Team Captain: Erik Cisarovsky
Years in League: Expansion Team
Key players: None stated

Comments: None Handed in

Prediction: This team has at least an experienced captain in Erik to help them along the way, and the Commish has heard of the additions of Nick

Mandic and his brother Stephen, that got some scoring potential. Nice to hear from the Grapevine of the possible return of Sacha Aziz to the league, as he's a former Agents' goaltender that can be solid at times for some wins. For now, they are Flaming Amazons on what they can do in the league.

Preseason Rank: Eighth Place, Fourth in the East

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FREE AGENTS

Team Name: The Free Agents,
a.k.a. The Agents
Division 2 East

Team Captain: Jon Lee
Years in League: 4th year in
the League
Key Players: A mix of new and
old players to the game.

Comments:

Well, pending on numbers as usual we shall see if there's a Free Agents team. Anyone looking for a team to play with for some fun but also to be competitive, this is the team. I, "The

Commish" Jon Lee, will likely be captain and will try to get everyone time to play. We have been in the playoffs 3 years running now, and came within 1 game of the finals in each of those years to show how good this team can be. Many of our players have gone on to be All-stars in this league (Mike Acedo, Clay Kelly, Andrew Rabba, Crispin Martin, Afonso Tavares, Erik Cisarovsky, the Rage line of Cullen, Cosentino and Clarence to name a few).

We do have the rule that our players can be taken any time during the

season by another team that doesn't count as their one trade allowed per season. To join the Agents, just either sign up at the Fit Stop, or come to one of our games. Retina scans not required, but you always get a license to play. So come on out to have fun while playing to win!

Prediction: Yes I am my harshest reviewer/critic and for now place us for last place until this team assembles. But as usual, I want to be proven wrong about things like this.

Preseason Rank: Eleventh Place overall, Sixth in the East

5 YEAR BURNOUTS

Team Name: 5 Year Burnouts, formerly known as "Pilons" from last year.
Division 2 West
Team captain: Nick Jaksa
Years in League: 2nd Year
Key players: Ayo Osagi, Fadi Mutlak and Massimo Giannoble

Comments:

This is the team's second year to be in the league, division 2. Everyone on the team has about 5 years experience in school, hence

the team name 5-year burnouts. Nick Jaksa, captain, will be taking this team of experienced players to the championship. Watch out for the dangerous line of Ayo, Fadi and Massimo, who are ready to wipe out everyone in their way. Mad Mark Masar and Adrian Milotic are still on the team and ready to take the team to victory. Returning is Mo in net and ready to defend the team's goal.

Prediction: Another returnee to the league, 1 place these guys up

quite a bit due to major acquisitions for now. Also, they did play hard in the first round of the playoffs against the eventual winners, the Rookies. Massimo and company add veteran experience, not to mention some much needed offence. Masar could be the breakout player for this team, while Mo in net is in his second year and could steal one or two for this team.

Preseason Rank: Fifth Place overall, Second in the West

TEAM DEFIANCE

Team Name: Team Defiance
Captain(s): Andrew Cheung/Shahid Amlani
Division 2 East
Years in League: Expansion Team (1st year in the league)
Key Players: A mix of players.

Comments:

A first year team hoping to make some noise in division 2. This team offers a blend of players, some who are new to the world of ball hockey, and others who look to make an impact. Making the playoffs will be the team's first priority,

but don't be surprised these underdogs end up taking it all. Prediction: Cheung starts in net so it starts for an expansion team from the goalie out to be able to succeed in this league.

Preseason Rank: Ninth Place overall, Fifth in the East.